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SUBJECT:

Transmittal of the Final Technology Evaluation Report for the V-Tanks, TSF-09/18, at Waste Area Group 1, Operable Unit 1-10 (DOE/ID-11038, Revision 0, April 2003) and the New Proposed Plan for the V-Tanks Contents (TSF-09 and TSF-18) at Test Area North, Operable Unit 1-10 (April 2003) - (EM-ER-03-105)

Dear Mr. Pierre and Mr. Nygard:

The Final Technology Evaluation Report for the V-Tanks, TSF-09/18, at Waste Area Group 1, Operable Unit 1-10 (DOE/ID-11038, Revision 0, April 2003) is enclosed. The report contains the results of the V-Tanks technology evaluation and identifies a new preferred alternative for remediating the TSF-09/18, V-Tanks. The report supports the preferred alternative presented in the proposed plan. The final report has incorporated the agreed upon Agency comment resolutions to the draft document as identified in the comment resolution forms contained in Appendix D to the report.

The New Proposed Plan for the V-Tanks Contents (TSF-09 and TSF-18) at Test Area North, Operable Unit 1-10 (April 2003) is also enclosed. The plan identifies the need to change the V-Tanks remedy and presents the new preferred alternative of ex situ chemical oxidation/reduction with stabilization. The proposed plan has become final based on Agency concurrence on the draft final document submitted March 20, 2003. The public comment period runs from April 15 to May 14.

Please contact me at (208) 526-4392 or Mark Shaw at (208) 526-6442 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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